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E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR ET US

SUBJ: ECCE MILK CASE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0160

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, WE ARE DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO PREVENT  
FORCED AUCTION OF ECCE PROPERTY WHICH SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE 13  
JANUARY DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF BACK-TAXES.

2. IN THE EVENT OUR EFFORTS ARE TO NO AVAIL, HOWEVER, WE  
BELIEVE THERE IS A US GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO ECCE, WHICH HAS  
ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT PROVISIONS.  
THIS ALSO APPEARS TO BE THE OPINION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY  
WHICH IN A 28 AUGUST 1972 LETTER TO ECCE (SIGNED BY ASMARA USASA  
CONTRACTING OFFICER) STATED, QUOTE...IF YOUR FIRM EXERCISES ALL  
LEGAL APPEALS TO OBTAIN AN EXEMPTION FROM THE TAX, BASED UPON THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE 1953 DEFENSE INSTALLATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
ETHIOPIA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND ARE STILL REQUIRED TO PAY THE  
TAX, YOUR FIRM WILL BE REIMBURSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
CONTRACT CITED. END QUOTE. (COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.)

3. SUCH USG OBLIGATION AS MAY EXIST WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE FAR MORE  
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DIFFICULT TO MEET AFTER AN AUCTION. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY

REQUESTS STANDBY AUTHORITY, SHOULD WE PROVE UNABLE TO  
BLOCK FORCED SALE TO ISSUE CHECK AT LAST MINUTE IN REQUIRED  
AMOUNT (\$E14,615.87) TO SATISFY TAX CLAIM, FOLLOWING WHICH WE  
WOULD ATTEMPT TO RECOVER SUM IN QUESTION FROM EPMG UNDER 1953  
TREATY AGREEMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. IF AGENCIES CONCERNED AGREE WITH FOREGOING,  
REQUEST NECESSARY FISCAL DATA BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.

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